Night Schools.

319. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of night schools getting Government aid ;

(*b*) the total grant paid to them in 1108 ;

(*c*) who is responsible for supervising and inspecting them ; and

(*d*) whether they are regularly inspected and inspection reports regularly submitted ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) 31.

(*b*) Rs. 1,713-18-10.

(*c*) The Assistant Inspecting Officers of the respective Districts.

(*d*) Yes.

Labour strike in factories.

320. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the constant labour strikes occurring in the factories at Alleppey and Quilon ; and

(*b*) whether Government made any enquiry as to the cause of these strikes ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government are aware that a few such strikes occurred in Alleppey and Quilon.

(*b*) According to the information, these strikes were reported to have been brought about by the reduction of wages consequent on the abnormal fall in the prices of commodites and the introduction of piece-work system, etc., in the factories.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member how many strikes took place in Quilon and how many in Alleppey in the last year ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Two and three.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Government took any action on this after enquiry ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No action was taken.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether anybody is appointed in Quilon or Alleppey under the Factories Regulation to inspect these factories ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No special officer is appointed. The District Magistrate is Inspector of Factories also.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the District Magistrate, as Inspector of Factories, has visited any of these factories ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether every strike is reported to Government ?

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